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SUBJECT: MOVE OF USAID OFFICES TO NEW EOB

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1. MOVE INTO NEW CHANCERY TOOK PLACE WEEKEND AUGUST 24, AND BUILDING INAUGURATED IN CEREMONY AUGUST 26. ALL ELEMENTS OF MISSION CONCERNED HAVE MOVED ON SCHEDULE WITH ATTENDANT BENEFITS IN SECURITY, EFFICIENCY AND ECONOMY WITH EXCEPTION AID, WHICH AWAITING AUTHORIZATION.

2. MISSION HOPES FAVORABLE DECISION CAN BE REACHED IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE FOR AID TO MOVE INTO NEW CHANCERY. 5779 SQUARE FEET COMPRISING 27 OFFICES ARE BEING HELD FOR AID IN NEW CHANCERY BUILDING. THESE OFFICES ARE CURRENTLY STANDING VACANT.

3. THERE IS PRESSING NEED FOR DECISION BECAUSE AID LEASE IN PRESENT QUARTERS IN CRUZ AZUL BUILDING EXPIRES OCTOBER 15, AND HAS NOT BEEN RENEWED IN ANTICIPATION OF WASHINGTON DECISION. ROCAP AND JOINT ROCAP/AID MANAGEMENT OFFICES HAVE RENEWED LEASE AT CRUZ AZUL THROUGH MARCH 1975 BASED ON REDUCED SPACE NEEDS (TWO COMPLETE FLOORS WILL BE GIVEN UP ON OCTOBER 15). THUS, FAVORABLE DECISION ON AID MOVE TO NEW CHANCERY NEEDED BY OCTOBER 1 AT LATEST.

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